

**IN THE CLAIMS**

1 - 64      (*Cancelled*)

65.      (*New*) Valacyclovir hydrochloride hydrate.
66.      (*New*) The valacyclovir hydrochloride hydrate of claim 65, having a water content of between about 6% and about 10%.
67.      (*New*) The valacyclovir hydrochloride hydrate of claim 66, having a water content of between about 8% and about 10%.
68.      (*New*) The valacyclovir hydrochloride hydrate of claim 67, which is Form I.
69.      (*New*) A process for making valacyclovir hydrochloride hydrate comprising the steps of:
- a) mixing crude valacyclovir hydrochloride with water;
  - b) heating the mixture;
  - c) cooling the mixture;
  - d) further cooling the mixture;
  - e) suspending the mixture in lower alkanol;
  - f) isolating the precipitate;
  - g) drying the product of step f; and
  - h) recovering valacyclovir hydrochloride hydrate.
70.      (*New*) The process of claim 69, wherein the mixture of step b is heated to a temperature of from about 35°C to about 45°C .
71.      (*New*) The process of claim 69, wherein the mixture of step c is cooled to a temperature of from about 30°C to about 40°C.
72.      (*New*) The process of claim 69, wherein the mixture of step e is cooled to a temperature of about -5°C.
73.      (*New*) The process of claim 69, wherein the lower alkanol is isopropyl alcohol.
74.      (*New*) The process of claim 69, wherein the product of step f is dried at a temperature of from about 30°C to about 45°C.

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75. (New) The process of claim 74, wherein the product of step f is dried at a temperature of from about 35°C to about 45°C.
76. (New) The process of claim 69, wherein the product of step f is dried for a period of time of from about 1 hour to 40 hours.
77. (New) The process of claim 76, wherein the product of step f is dried for a period of time of from about 1 hour to 18 hours.